

## ➤ TOPICS TO BE COVERED

During this year we will cover many topics of history. The goal of this class will be to introduce you to history and its importance to understanding the world we live in today.

Here are just a few topics that will be covered in this class.

1. The beginnings of civilizations- Sumerian and Persian Cultures.
2. Rome and Athens, birthplaces of democracy.
3. The Renaissance. Art and Architecture.
4. Napoleon and his conquests.
5. The American Revolution.
6. World War I & II.
7. Civics and the duty of citizens.

## **WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?**

Be prepared for a challenging class that will require you to think critically and apply what you have learned. After this class, I hope to prepare you for college and life after High School.

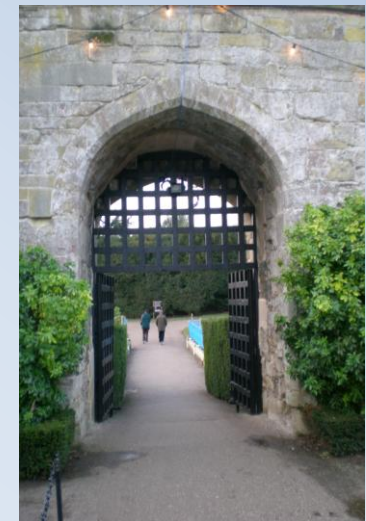


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**EDUCATION OPENS DOORS; IT'S UP  
TO YOU TO WALK THROUGH.**

## LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF!

I think it is important for each student to know their teacher. So with this in mind, let me tell you a little about myself, my background, and my approach to teaching. First, I myself went to this very high school, Southern Nash. Coming from this school and this neighborhood, I take great pride in returning to this school as one of its teachers. I know how important a good school is for students and their success in life.

After graduating from Southern Nash, I enlisted in the United States Air Force. I served for 6 years as a security forces member (military police) and during that time, traveled to many different countries, and experienced many things as a young adult.

## TRAVELS

My time in the Military gave me access to a new world. I went to Basic Training in San Antonio Texas and my 1<sup>st</sup> duty station was Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. I would spend over 2 years in Virginia and then would receive orders for my next assignment, Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany. During this time I was deployed to Kuwait and Iraq. I thoroughly enjoyed my time in the Air Force, but my passion has always been history and teaching. I have also visited England, Scotland, France and Canada.

## EDUCATION

After 6 years, I separated and enrolled at North Carolina Wesleyan College. My time at NCWC was an important step to where I am now. I learned even more about what I love, history, along with many other things. The courses were challenging and I hope to incorporate what I learned there, into my classroom as well. At Wesleyan, I would receive B.A.s in both history and psychology and hope to continue on to a master's degree in both fields.

## WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE CLASSROOM

During the course of the year students will be tested on material and topics covered in class in order to prepare them for the end of year state exam. These will come in various forms, from informal question and answer discussions with students, to multiple choice tests. Students will also be required to write essays about multiple topics. I believe it is important for students to express themselves both in writing and orally. Therefore I will also incorporate presentations that will be given in front of the class. This class's purpose is to not overwhelm, but to prepare students for college and their future careers.

## TECHNOLOGY

Technology has become an important part of education, and will therefore be an essential tool in the classroom. Students will use technology but they will not become dependent upon it. They are expected to use laptops in the classroom in a professional way, and use the internet as a tool for success in the classroom. Knowledge is at your fingertips.

## CONTACT

I think it is incredibly important for students to be able to ask their teachers questions and to contact them if help is needed. As such, I am always able to be contacted by email and will answer promptly. During class, I expect students to be comfortable discussing topics and contributing to the class. I encourage discussion and communication between students, and between students and myself.

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